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MULTIPLE WINNERS INVITATIONAL (1972CR)
(Average Aces Trophy Game)
Fall 1902

LIMERICKS MULTIPLY OVER INTO THE PRESS AS NAUS IS JUMPED ON ALL SIDES

Now crystal clear is the strife.
Turkey's received the knife. (huh?)
The Juns attack,
French bodies are stacked,
And Russia gets a new leaf of life.

The Mystery Limerick Man
Replace him as soon as you can.
His meaning is dense,
His rhymes don't make sense,
and his poetry doesn't even manage to
bloody well mean!

AUSTRIA: A Tyr-Bon, A Tri H, A Bud H, A Ser S A Bul, A Bul S Russian a Rum /a/.
(Naus) F Gre-Aeg. Ows: bod, Tri, Vie, Ser, ~~Wys~~, ~~Nus~~ (4). Remove 1.

ENGLAND: A Bel-bur, A Edi-Hol, F Nth C A Edi-Hol, F Lon S F Nth, F Nwy S F Nth /c/.
(McCallum) (Bar, Eng, Ska, d). Ows: Edi, Riv, Ion, ~~Wys~~, ~~Nus~~ (3). Remove 2.

FRANCE: A Pic-bel, F Eng S A Pic-bel, A Par and a Mar S English A Bol Ivry, F Mid-
(Birsan) Gas. Ows: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, ~~Bel~~ (6). Build 1.

GERMANY: F Den-Nth, A Hol H, F Hel S A Hol, A Ruh-Mun, A Bur-Mun /d/. Ows: bar,
(Prosnitz) Kie, Mun, Den, Hol (5). Build 1. (Oops, /e/ (Pic, d) possible.)

ITALY: A Ven-Tyr, A Apu-Ven, F Ion-Gre, F Tyr-Ion. Ows: Nap, con, Ven, ~~Tou~~
(Beyerlein) Gre (5). Build 1.

RUSSIA: A StP-Nwy, F Swe S A StP-Nwy, A Ukr-Gal, A Rum-Ser, A Sev-Rum. Ows: Mos,
(Ver Ploeg) StP, Sev, War, Swe, Nwy, Rum (7). Build 2.

TURKEY: A Arm-Bul, F Bla C A Arm-Bul, F Con S A Arm-Bul. Ows: Ank, Con, Say,
(Iakofka) Bul (4). Build 1.

Winter 1902 Orders are due not later than noon (9:00 A.M. for phone calls) on Saturday, 21 October 1972. Remember that this is only one week away. Adjustments should be sent by return mail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We regret to inform you that Edi Birsan's father has passed away and so things will understandably be hectic for Edi for awhile. Edi says Arena will still come out on time but urges players to hold down on the press and bear with him on correspondence for awhile. Edi's new address is: % Pat Verteramo, RD 5, Box 6, Bridge Street, Hopewell Jet., New York 12533.

On a happier note, Conrad von Metzke (Grendel Press, PO Box 8342, San Diego, Cal 92102) has graciously agreed to accept temporary custody of the Boardman Numbers from Rod Walker with Rod's approval. All publishers & players without a number are urged to write Conrad; all publishers are urged to trade with him so the numbers may be kept complete.

ACTING:

ANKARA (17 October 1902): The Fall of the House of Ver Plug, Chapter 5: I read his lesson in awe at the story which Brenton Ver Plug had unfolded concerning those dreaded creatures that lurked in his castle. If he killed them, the curse of death was upon him; if he did not, they would kill his beloved sister, Suzanne, and then himself.

"Brenton, have you any proof for the validity of such a curse?"

"Yes, my dear William, I do. You see, this creature is a ghastly Ricketybroskoid!" His face turned white as he said the name and great beads of sweat formed on his brow. "The Ricketybroskoid is the creation of the cruel governor of a prison farm in New South Wales. He crossed the male prisoners with platypuses and kangaroos, for sport! Only one wedding of an animal with a prisoner, a demented rapist of young boys in London, have any fruit (excuse me poet), however. This prisoner, a Rickety Brooks by name, caused a kangaroo and a platypus to have offspring. Some years later, these offspring were crossed and then the result of that union again mated with Brooks. It was ghastly!"

"A Ricketybroskoid thinks, if having an I.Q. of 17 can be called thinking, that it is human. At first the animals, when released in Australia to forage for themselves, decided on a plan for living to reach their delicate and intricate prey. However, this was abandoned when they almost rubbed themselves to become extinct. Appalled by a dog over the head of a jumping Ricketybroskoid was not conducive to survival!"

"My second cousin, Fellicancy R. Ver Plug, was attacked by 6 of them and did kill them off, but he died soon after by going insane. So, William, I'm cursed if I kill them, to say I insanity!"

"Don't fear, ~~William~~ Brenton. I have a plan."

Does Leonard have a plan or is he just rattling his empty head?

CONSTANTINOPLE (25 October 1902): First we have to call the archduke to get a reply from him; then we have to send him stamped self-addressed envelopes; then he snubs us! What will that fiend do next? His word is as good as Richard Nixon's "secret plans!"

CONSTANTINOPLE (26 October 1902):

Naus goes north, Naus goes south
Like a snake with cloven mouth
Lepanto Doug may, Lepanto Doug might,
A defense of Venice won't serve Naus right.
One stab too many he's tried to wield
But now to three will he have to yield?

ANKARA (5 November 1902): This game should be defrauded as a fraud!

HARTFORD (1 October 1902):

"I'm fixing up a Friendly Pact
Of Firm and Mutual Assistance,
By which, if Russia is attacked,
I march from a respectful distance,
And Russia, if one threatens me,
Says 'Fancy that!' and 'Oh, I see.'"

COW PASTURES (15 December 1902): One Ilmerick leads to another as the lopscheams leave them lying in the letterbox, this latest one launched by Stephen Laird living in Spartanland.

SPARTANLAND (7 October 1902):

If Russia and Turkey unite
And sally forth into the fight,
Then Austria's doom
Will be on its way soon
And won't Naus's tears be a sight.

England's fight with France was a trick;
It's Germany whom she will stick,
And if France will support,
Then the Queen can hold court
In the Ruhr before 1906.

Italian, be cautious this day!
For treachery's coming your way.
All your friends will assist
In a stab that can't miss:
You shall soon utter "Et tu, Brute."

ANALYSIS (Spring 1902): Rich Brooks (R.R. 4 Box 167, Fremont, Indiana 46737; comments are invited).

Just what does Maus think he is doing? I noted in my last analysis what a good defensive position Austria has. But as far as Russia and Austria are concerned, Turkey has almost as good a one. With a little Italian help, he can be just about untentable. Austria's putting two units on Venice may well guarantee that help.

The basic fact is that Austria and Russia cannot take any more Turkish centers without fleets. They have only two fleets to Turkey's two. Without Italian interference, Turkey could play a guessing game over the Aegean, Constantinople, and the Black Sea. Two units on Sevastopol make it very difficult for Russia to open it for a build. Turkey moving TF Constantinople to Aegean risks AF Greece holds, AA Bulgaria to Constantinople, RA Rumania (S) AA Serbia to Bulgaria and RA Ukraina (S) RF Sevastopol. If Turkey moves TF Black Sea to Constantinople, he risks AF Greece (S) AA Bulgaria RF Sevastopol to Black Sea, RA Rumania (S) RA Ukraina to Sevastopol. If Turkey leaves the Aegean open, he risks AF Greece moving there. Then AF Aegean (S) AA Bulgaria to Constantinople, AA Serbia to Bulgaria, RA Rumania (S) RA Ukraina to Sevastopol, and RF Sevastopol to Black Sea would take Constantinople.

However, if Italian Aegean together with TF Constantinople to Aegean effectively resolves all these problems, Austria could cause trouble with another fleet. But he would need to get Italy out of the Ionian first. But where Austria can gain another center is the question. AA Tyrolia to Munich, AA Trieste to Vienna, AA Budapest to Trieste, and Serbia to Trieste would gain a build and have Trieste open to put a fleet in. But Germany might not cooperate.

So either Austria comes to terms with Italy or he seems to be stalled. Ben Lakofka can be bitter and vindictive when set up (the only way to be, I might add) and Austria has gained an enemy for the rest of the game that he cannot destroy. While Italy's convoy of IA Tunis to Apulia does look like he doesn't trust Austria, it could be an elaborate bluff. However, since a frontal attack on Turkey by Italy would have been much more effective, Munich seems to be the only place the bluff could be aimed at. Turkey could be stabbed very badly if he trusted Italy to move to the Aegean and AA Bulgaria took Constantinople, though. Both unlikely, but I'm getting unwilling to commit myself over this game.

With Austria on his side (a double bluff would be a very silly waste of both time and position), Russia's build in the north becomes clearer. I still feel that not building a fleet was unwise. There was no pressure from England on St. Petersburg. But there was an off chance that Russia and Germany could gain control of the North Sea after Russia takes Norway and successfully convoy RA Norway into England. Since England will probably retreat RF Norway to Norwegian, only Yorkshire would be open for RF North Sea to retreat to. This would block all English territory on the North Sea. Even if Skagerrak was open for RF North Sea and he retreated there, EA Bournemouth to Yorkshire and EF London to Yorkshire would block a convoy. If Russia felt he needed an army in the north, he gets builds for Rumania and Norway and can afford RF St. Petersburg (NC) and RA Moscow. Since RA Rumania (S) RF Sevastopol can hold off Turkey, he could have built up three successive fleets in St. Petersburg (NC) while moving RA Ukraina north.

Germany and Russia blocked Skagerrak to prevent England moving there. Russia can still take Norway while Germany hits the North Sea to cut support. RF Sweden (S) RA St. Petersburg to Norway (to open St. Petersburg for a build) followed by a build of RF St. Petersburg (NC) with RF Sweden to Skagerrak and RF St. Petersburg (NC) to Barents in the spring will completely cover Russia's flank. As would RA Norway to Finland and RF Sweden (S) RF St. Petersburg to Norway in the spring and RF Sweden to Skagerrak in the fall. If England blocked Norway, he could lose the North Sea and besides, RF Sweden and RA Finland would support RF St. Petersburg (NC) in the fall. However, the build of RA St. Petersburg hurts here as RF Norwegian can block Barents if Russia tries to move there while a Russian fleet in Norway could support RF St. Petersburg (NC) into the Barents. Two fleets on the Norwegian and three or four on the North Sea could cause England trouble.

Germany does have problems. RA Burgundy will probably retreat to Gascony as it would not do to leave it open for Germany. RA Paris and RA Marseilles (S) RA Gascony to Burgundy will dislodge GA Burgundy. (EA Belgium to Ruhr to cut a possible support could well lose Belgium.) If GA Burgundy then retreats to Picardy, FF Mid-Atlantic to Brest can block him

cut in the spring and EA Paris (S) EA Burgundy to Picardy would wipe him out. About Germany's only move (unless he is worried about La Tyrolia) is Gc Ruhr and Gc Holland (S) Gc Burgundy to Belgium. EF English Channel (S) EA Belgium isn't enough to hold it. EF Denmark (S) Gc Helgoland Eight to North Sea (since Skagerrak is open for possible English retreat) would lose the North Sea for England if EF North Sea moves to Holland to cut support. However, EF London (S) EF North Sea and EF North Sea convoys EA Edinburgh to Holland will cut support and hold the North Sea.

Moving EA Liverpool to Edinburgh could be faulted if England has even a chance to build a fleet there. Since he is almost sure to lose a unit, EA Edinburgh gives a bit better defensive position.

We come again to Italy. If France moves FF Mid-Atlantic to North Atlantic while England retreats EF Norway to Norwegian and removes EA Edinburgh, Russian expansion can be slowed, if not stalled. Since Russia and Austria are effectively stalled over Turkey, Italy can decide the game.

INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 49

What follows is a thought-provoking commentary on what future course our hobby should take due to all the recent growth, and as one of our most experienced GM's, Len Lakofka is well qualified to make it. I have a comment to make, too, however. It is well known that present day game fees in most cases don't cover real costs, let alone time. Therefore, can we expect professional results without paying professional fees? What would you be willing to pay for a professionally-run game?

IS IT TIME TO GET TOUGH?

by Len Lakofka

The hobby of postal Diplomacy has grown by leaps and bounds in the last few years. One need only look at the record of Boardman Bontera (DF has been issued already) to see the dramatic increase. What we thought was a bumper year last year is likely to be surpassed this year (EK was reached in 1971). The number of new publishers this year has all ready equalled last year's arrivals in number. The general circulation of many major wines is reaching new heights; six wines are now over 100 circulation.

Amid all of this growth there is an old plague that still does exist. This is the poor gamesmastering. The most serious breach of the GM contract is excessive lateness, culminating in cessation of publication. The Diplomacy community needs to deal with this problem head on.

In the past there has been, and there will continue to be, an orphan game project. In this way, abandoned games can find homes with other publishers. That is only a start. The GM who drops the game gets off scot-free and often money ahead. A system of sanctions might alleviate this problem to some degree in that only reliable GM's will get a sanction, and the chance of cessation of publication is vastly reduced.

Next, the community may seek to report cases of mail fraud, signed by all the players, if a warning to begin publication again and/or return unused gamefees is not honored by the GM. One simple recourse is to remove, from all games possible, a GM who has become delinquent, been warned, but refused to reply. Why should such a person be allowed to play postally if he can't publish?

It may be noted that our hobby is very young. Perhaps a few more growing years are needed before more rigorous laws are passed and enforced. Your opinions on this topic are solicited.

(1) Should a sanctioning and/or recommending body be set up to monitor current gamesmasters and to report, biannually, on their findings?

(2) Should mail fraud complaints be registered against excessively late or defunct publications?

(3) Should the keepers of rating systems and gamesmasters be asked to remove from their rosters inactive publishers who have defaulted on their publishing commitments but are still playing games?

(Serialization in other publications and/or comments requested.)

We have been getting quite a few cross-country Diplomacy travelers lately. Last week we were honored with a visit by Ted Hideros, the recent publisher of the very fine magazine, Pacific Diplodaur. Ted is in the army and, since he will be serving a tour of duty in Korea soon, will not be publishing for awhile although we hope to see him return to that capacity when he can. In the meantime, his brother Dick will be putting out Pacific Diplodaur.

We had a real nice visit with Ted even though we didn't have enough for a Dippy game; however, I did find out that he knows quite a bit about Diplomacy tactics. He also proved to me that I was losing a fortune in publishing and tried to talk me into raising my rates. Well, we'll see. It sure would be nice if the post office didn't take such a big bite though, wouldn't it? Anyway, Ted and I had a nice exchange of ideas Dippy wise. Carol was also pleasantly surprised the next day when a bouquet of flowers arrived from Ted. The President of the Diplomacy Widows' Association is not used to that sort of thing! Incidentally, long about November we will show you another one of Ted's surprises.

GPI PRESENTS

The following potential players have written during the last 6 weeks in response to the new GPI flyer and asked that their names be passed on to Gamesmasters with game suggestions. The numbers indicate the order in which I received each response to the flyer.

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THE CALHAMER POINT COUNT RATING LIST BY COUNTRY

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1,500	Hal Naus	1,000	Bud Pendergrass	.450	Dave Johnston
1,200	Mehran Thomson		Jerry Pournelle		
	Rod Walker		Lew Pulsipher	.333	Robert Rudelman
			George Scholz		Mark Tonnesen
1,167	Andy Phillips		Buddy Tretick	.250	Chuck Carey
1,000	Ken Borecki		Brenton Ver Ploeg		Ed Halle
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FOLLOW THE ACTION!
(The McCallum System of Notation)

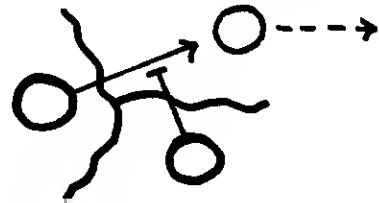
For ease in following the current demonstration game, a Diplomacy map is reproduced on the reverse side by permission of John Moot, the President of GRI. Incidentally, DIPLOMACY is a registered trademark for a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and copyrighted by Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham Street, Boston, Mass. 02118. GRI sells the game for \$8 and the 1971 Rulebook for \$1.

To best follow the game and hopefully learn something from it, since it is being played and analyzed by experts, I would like to suggest to you the use of a recording system that was first proposed to me by John McCallum.

First of all, you will need seven crayons in the following colors: red (Austria), purple (England), blue (France), black (Germany), green (Italy), brown (Russia), and yellow (Turkey).

Now to use the McCallum system, you take this map, which is provided with each of the spring and fall seasons, and record the armies with a circle of the appropriate color and the fleets with a line. For the winter season, simply take the fall map and make square brackets around a unit built and round brackets around a unit removed.

Also, a good way to go from one season to another is to indicate an attack with an arrow and a support with a line and bar as illustrated. Additionally, an unsuccessful order or retreat can be indicated by a dotted line.



INFORMATION SOURCES AND/OR GAME OPENINGS

The following persons publish Diplomacy 'zines that are especially recommended as sources of general information and/or occasional game openings:

1. Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th Street, Long Island City, N.Y. 11104
2. John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226
3. John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, Pa. 17013
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6. John McCallum, PO Box 52, Ralston, Alberta, Canada T0J 2R0
7. Chris Schleicher, 5122 W. Carmen, Chicago, Ill. 60630
8. Brenton Ver Ploeg, 520 Parker, #202, San Francisco, Calif. 94118
9. Conrad von Metzke, Grendel Press, PO Box 8342, San Diego, Calif. 92102
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